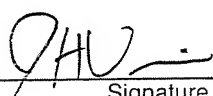


<b>PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME UNDER 37 CFR 1.136(a)</b>		Docket Number (Optional) 8540G-000160 (GP-302781)	
Application Number 10/612,380		Filed July 2, 2003	
For <b>GAS CONTROL AND OPERATION METHOD OF A FUEL CELL SYSTEM FOR WATER AND GAS DISTRIBUTION</b>			
Art Unit 1795		Examiner Helen O. Chu	
This is a request under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a) to extend the period for filing a reply in the above identified application.			
The requested extension and fee are as follows (check time period desired and enter the appropriate fee below):			
	<u>Fee</u>	<u>Small Entity Fee</u>	
<input type="checkbox"/> One month (37 CFR 1.17(a)(1))	\$120	\$60	\$_____
<input type="checkbox"/> Two months (37 CFR 1.17(a)(2))	\$460	\$230	\$_____
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Three months (37 CFR 1.17(a)(3))	\$1050	\$525	\$930 (1,050 for 3-month extension of time minus 120 for the 1-month extension of time already paid)
<input type="checkbox"/> Four months (37 CFR 1.17(a)(4))	\$1640	\$820	\$_____
<input type="checkbox"/> Five months (37 CFR 1.17(a)(5))	\$2230	\$1115	\$_____
<input type="checkbox"/> Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27.			
<input type="checkbox"/> A check in the amount of the fee is enclosed.			
<input type="checkbox"/> Payment by credit card. Form PTO-2038 is attached.			
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> The Director has already been authorized to charge fees in this application to a Deposit Account.			
<input type="checkbox"/> The Director is hereby authorized to charge any fees which may be required, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account Number _____. I have enclosed a duplicate copy of this sheet.			
<b>WARNING: Information on this form may become public. Credit card information should not be included on this form. Provide credit card information and authorization on PTO-2038.</b>			
I am the <input type="checkbox"/> applicant/inventor.			
<input type="checkbox"/> assignee of record of the entire interest. See 37 CFR 3.71			
Statement under 37 CFR 3.73(b) is enclosed. (Form PTO/SB/96).			
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> attorney or agent of record. Registration Number <u>46,232</u>			
<input type="checkbox"/> attorney or agent under 37 CFR 1.34(a).			
Registration number if acting under 37 CFR 1.34(a). _____.			
 _____ Signature		_____ Date	
Jeffrey H. Urian		(248) 641-1600	
_____ Typed or printed name		_____ Telephone Number	
NOTE: Signatures of all the inventors or assignees of record of the entire interest or their representative(s) are required. Submit multiple forms if more than one signature is required, see below.			
<input type="checkbox"/> Total of _____ forms are submitted.			

This collection of information is required by 37 CFR 1.136(a). The information is required to obtain or retain a benefit by the public which is to file (and by the USPTO to process) an application. Confidentiality is governed by 35 U.S.C. 122 and 37 CFR 1.14. This collection is estimated to take 6 minutes to complete, including gathering, preparing, and submitting the completed application form to the USPTO. Time will vary depending upon the individual case. Any comments on the amount of time you require to complete this form and/or suggestions for reducing this burden, should be sent to the Chief Information Officer, U.S. Patent and